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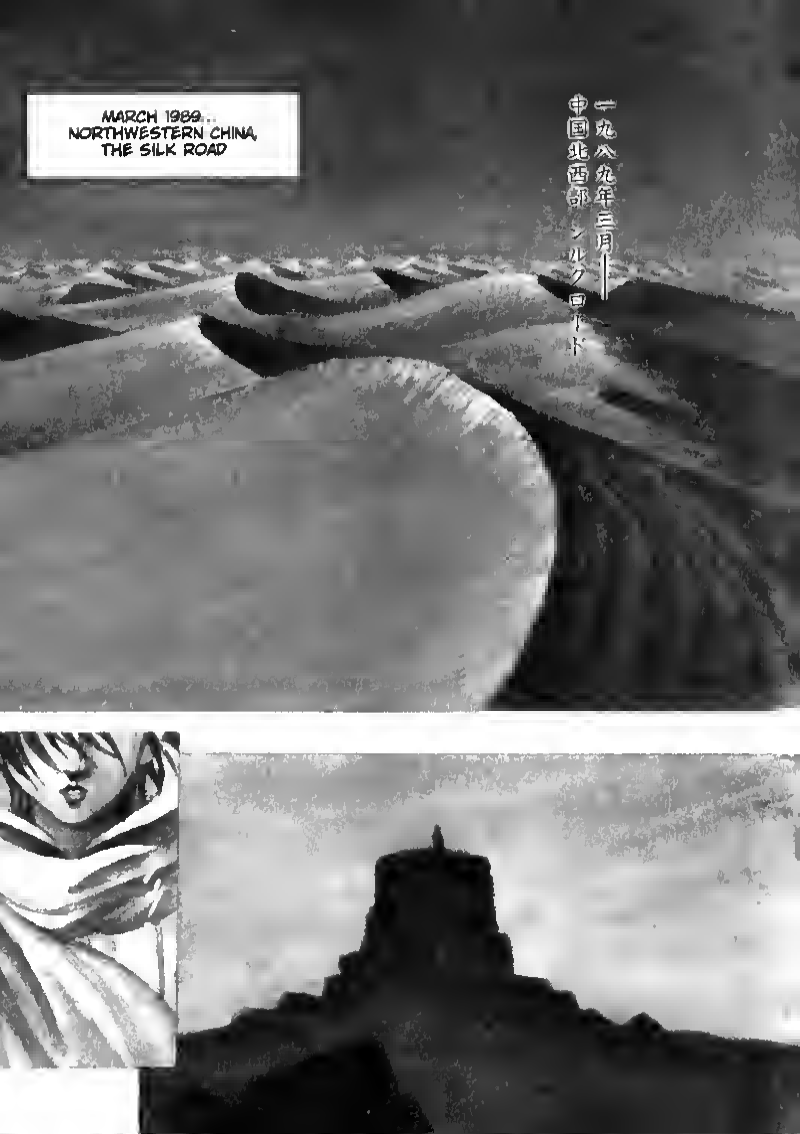
MARCH 1989...
NORTHWESTERN CHINA,
THE SILK ROAD
一九八九年三月——
中国北西部シルクロード

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"HISTORY SCHOLAR GOES MISSING ON SILK ROAD"
"VANISHED WITHOUT A TRACE WHILE ON SOLITARY EXPEDITION!"
"KENGO IBA, AGE 25"
ONE YEAR LATER...

"37TH ALL JAPAN KENDO CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT"
第37回全日本剣道選手権大会
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伊波

-HANH-...
-HANH-...
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...UHH
UHH...

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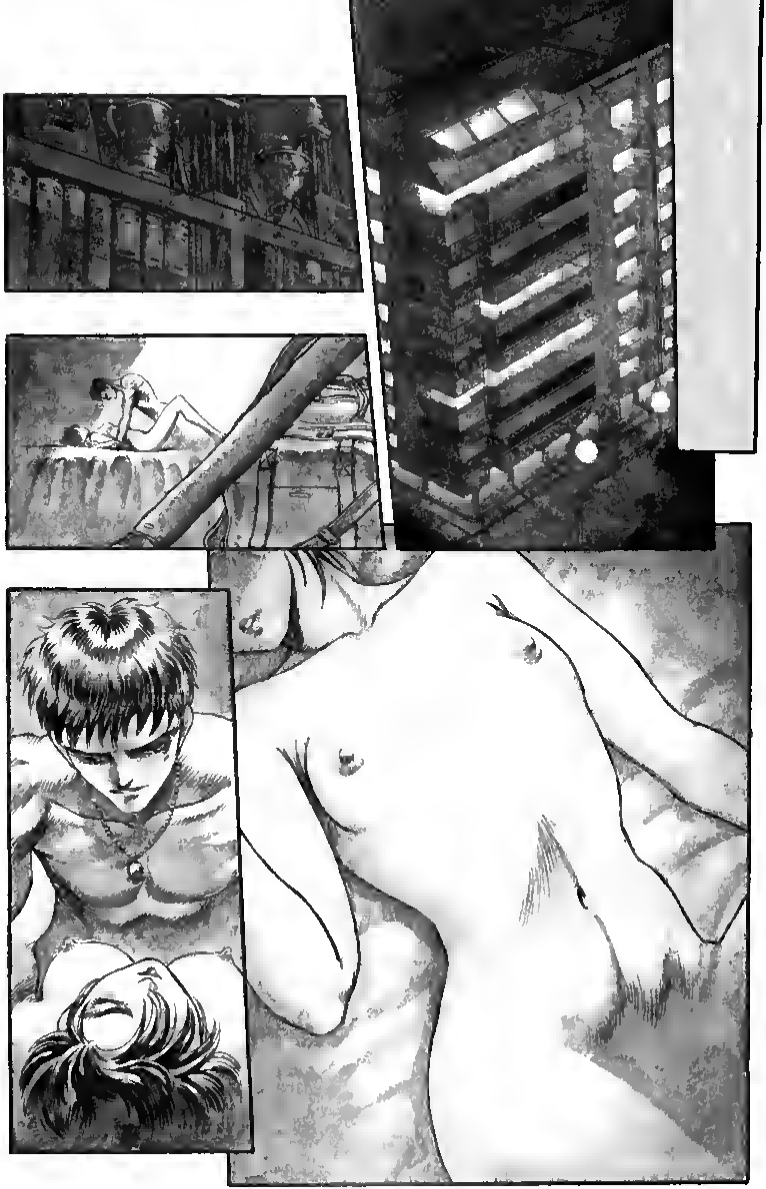
HARYAAA!!
ハリアアアー!!

HEAD STRIKE-- WIN!!

W-WE HAVE A WINNER!!! AN IMPRESSIVE HEAD STRIKE USING A UNIQUE VARIATION ON THE SWORD-OVER-HEAD STANCE--HIS FORTE!!
IT'S THE SCHOLAR, SWORDSMAN AND FIFTH DEGREE BLACK BELT IBA!
THIS MAKES HIM #1 IN JAPAN TWO YEARS RUNNING!!



LOOK, WE'RE GOING TO GET MARRIED, BUT IT'S ABOUT TIME I GOT BACK TO MY REAL JOB NOW.
YES...
DO YOU REALLY HAVE TO GO?
BUT THE SILK ROAD ...
SO FAR AWAY.
YEAH...

THE GOOD LUCK CHARM YOU GAVE ME.
AND...
...I'LL BE FINE AS LONG AS I HAVE THIS.
COME ON! IT'LL ONLY BE A TWO OR THREE MONTH TRIP AT THE MOST.
AND SO, HE LEFT ONLY HIS SMILE AND BEGAN HIS VOYAGE...

SOMEWHERE IN THIS VAST DESERT...
HE CAN'T BE DEAD. HE'S ALIVE, I KNOW IT, SOMEWHERE OUT THERE...
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HUH?
WELL... I'LL HAVE TO COME SEARCH FOR HIM AGAIN TOMOR-ROW.

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WHOA--!!
EEEEK!!
...OW-OW!
OUUUCH...

THERE'S NO MISTAKE! I GAVE HIM THIS...
.....!!
...HUH?
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WH-WHAT?! WHAT IS IT...?!
THE PAIN...! LIKE MY HEAD'S SPLITTING OPEN!!
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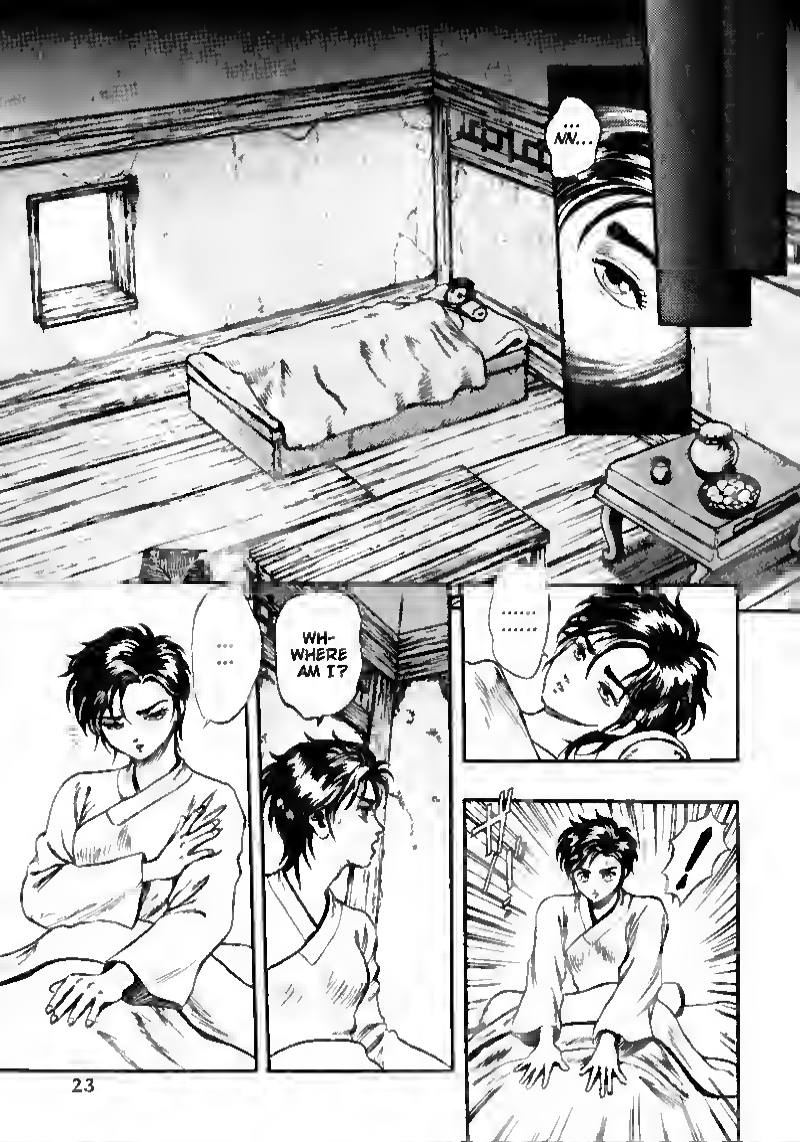
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WHERE
AM I?
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WH--
WHAT...? THIS TOWN...
WH--!
OH, MY...
IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE UP, I SEE.
GOOD, GOOD!
X... XIXIA?!
MY HOUSE... YOU WERE FOUND UNCONSCIOUS ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF TOWN, YOU SEE? SOME OF OUR PEOPLE BROUGHT YOU BACK HERE!
WHERE AM I...?
YOU WERE WEARING SUCH STRANGE CLOTHES... I GUESS YOU WERE ON YOUR WAY HERE TO XIXIA FROM SOME FOREIGN COUNTRY?

XIXIA WAS A COUNTRY ON THE CHINESE SUBCONTINENT FROM THE TWELFTH TO THIRTEENTH CENTURIES.
I'LL LEAVE THAT THERE FOR YOU THEN.
YOU'D BEST STAY HERE UNTIL YOU'RE FEELING BETTER AGAIN.
THIS IS THE CAPITAL OF XIXIA, YOU SEE?
THAT'S RIGHT!
XIXIA!!
IT COULDN'T BE...
.....
.....

OLD WOMAN !!
TIME TRAVEL?!
THE DATE...
WHAT YEAR IS IT, A.D.?
A.D. ...?
OH! IS THAT FROM THAT CALENDAR THE MERCHANTS WHO COME FROM THE WEST USE?
.....
.....
THEN I GUESS YOU'D SAY IT'S 1212, RIGHT?

OLD WOMAN, I'D LIKE TO GO SEE THE CITY...
AS I SUSPECTED, I'VE TIME TRAVELED BACK TO THIRTEENTH CENTURY CHINA...
FINE! I'LL BE YOUR GUIDE!

THIS IS REALLY XIXIA IN THE YEAR 1212.
...THIS IS NO DREAM.
GENERAL YANG OF THE MONGOL EMPIRE WILL NOW CONDUCT AN INSPECTION!!
MAKE WAY! MAKE WAY! MAKE WAY!!
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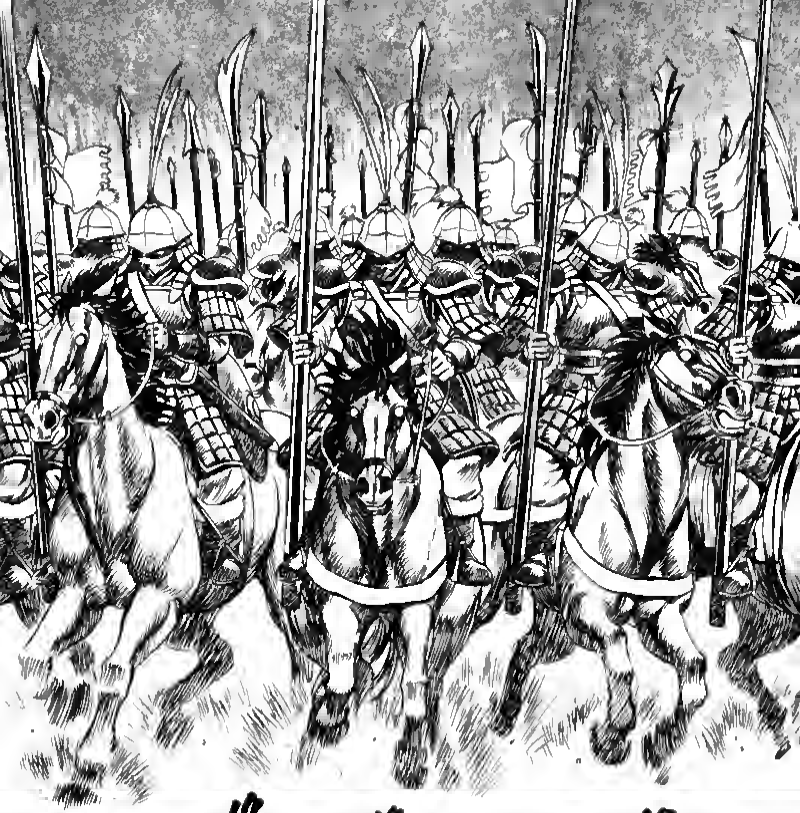

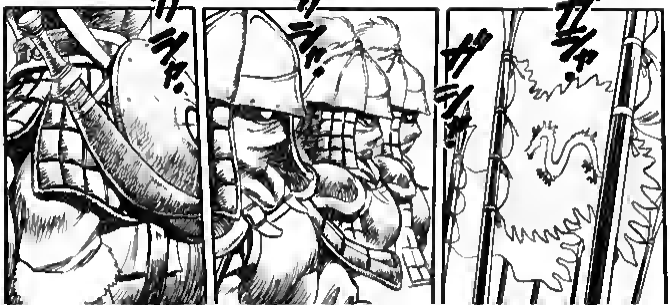
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TH-THIS MUST BE THE GOLDEN AGE OF THE MONGOL EMPIRE...
HUH ?!
BOW YOUR HEAD!! YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHAT THEY'LL DO TO YOU!!
I'M SURE XIXIA HAD ALSO FALLEN UNDER MONGOL RULE...
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HM?
D-DOWN!!
EEEK!
AHH... WHO KNEW THERE WERE SUCH WOMEN TO BE FOUND IN XIXIA...!
SIR!
YOU!!

..WHAT?!
SEIZE THAT WOMAN!!
NOOOO!! OLD WOMAN!!
P-PLEASE WAIT!!
FORGIVE ME!!

OLD WOMAN!!
OLD WO-MAN!!
EEK!!

COME ANY CLOSER AND I'LL BITE MY OWN TONGUE OFF AND KILL MYSELF!!
GRR!!
HMPH... YOU'RE STRONG-WILLED, WOMAN! BREAKING YOU IN WILL BRING ME GREAT SATISFACTION!

WHERE ARE MY MEN?!
HERE SIR!!
BRING THIS WOMAN TO THE BATTLE ARENA!
AND READY HER WITH SUITABLE ATTIRE!!
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TO FIGHT FOR MY PLEASURE!!
THEY HAVE TO KEEP WINNING IF THEY WANT TO LIVE.
THAT'S THE ONLY ROAD LEFT TO THEM!
HERE THEY SPEND THEIR WHOLE LIVES BATTLING CONTINUOUSLY AS SLAVE PIT FIGHTERS.
THESE MEN ARE ALL ARMY DESERTERS OR THE BASEST OF VAGRANTS AND DRIFTERS.
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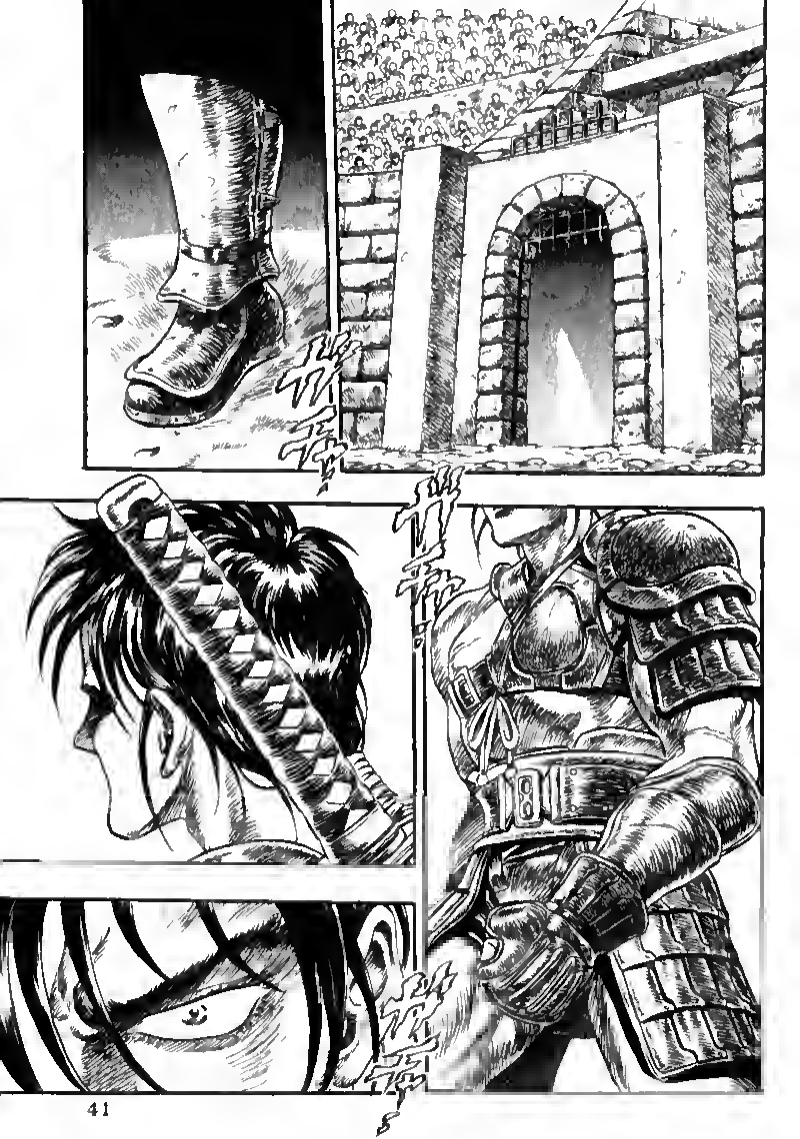
OOH...
COME OUT!! COME OUT!!
AT LAST, THE MAN WE HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR.
THE ONLY MAN HERE WHO HAS MANAGED TO SURVIVE HERE FOR MORE THAN TEN MONTHS...
I'VE MADE IT HERE EIGHT MONTHS MYSELF!! DON'T THINK YOU'RE GONNA TAKE ME DOWN WITHOUT A FIGHT!!



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N-NO!!
NOW WATCH HIM!!
IT'S COLD-BLOODED MURDER ...!!
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HUH ...?!
A JAPANESE KATANA?!
THAT'S ...

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HRAAA...

THAT STANCE ...?!
THAT'S IBA'S STANCE!
THAT CHAR-TERISTIC OVER-HEAD GRASP...

HE'S FLIPPED OVER HIS BLADE!!
HE'S DOING IT AGAIN!
THAT MAN NEVER KILLS HIS OPPONENTS !!
!
THE FOOL!
HUH?
HE'S BEEN TOLD TIME AND AGAIN THAT IF HE'D ONLY KILL HIS OPPONENT, HE COULD BE TAKEN OUT OF HERE AND PUT IN THE ARMY... AND YET HE CHOOSES TO PERSIST AS A SLAVE!

THE FACE IS A LITTLE DIFFERENT, BUT...
...THAT MAN IS IBA!!
IT'S IBA!!
IBAAA !!
WHAT ?!

IBA!!
K...
K-KYOKO, WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE...?!
...KYOKO?!
O-OF COURSE! KYOKO MUST'VE BEEN SWALLOWED UP BY THAT BLACK CLOUD AND BROKEN THROUGH THE TIME BARRIER TOO!!
!

-KYOKO!!-
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EEEEK!!
YOU KNOW EACH OTHER?
GRR ...!!

BE-TROTH-ED?!
YES!! THAT WOMAN IS MY BETROTHED !!
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SNICKER
IF SO, THEN BOW YOUR HEAD TO ME...
...AND I JUST MIGHT CONSIDER GIVING HER BACK TO YOU.
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I BEG OF YOU...
...LET HER GO.
GYYAA !!

I GIVE THIS WOMAN TO NO ONE!!
IBA!!
...!!
DISPATCH THIS MAN TO THE NORTHERN BATTLE-FRONT!!
HE WON'T COME BACK ALIVE! TO THE NORTHERN FRONT LINE WITH HIM!!
YOU DISGUST ME!!

IBA
!!
IBAAA
!!

GIVE UP HOPE!! NO AMOUNT OF STRUGGLE WILL SAVE FROM US!!

I WILL NOT DIE!!
HYYAA!!
I WILL NOT DIE!!
I SWEAR I WILL RETURN TO JAPAN SOMEDAY!! I SURVIVED TO THIS DAY BELIEVING I WOULD SEE KYOKO AGAIN!!
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WHAT'S WRONG? CHANGED YOUR MIND?

HMPH! IT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE!
YOUR SUFFERING WILL BEAT YOU EVENTUALLY.
PARTICULARLY THIS DESERT HEAT!
IN THE END YOU WILL DISROBE BEFORE ME. OF YOUR OWN WILL FOR A MERE DROP OF WATER.
.....
...!!
URR...
KRR...
PROBABLY NOT MUCH LONGER, IT LOOKS LIKE.

GENERAL!! SOMEONE'S COMING ...!!
COME ON! GET UP!! NO REST FOR YOU! TIME TO WALK!!
WHAT ...?!
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IMPOSSIBLE...! WHY DOES HE YET LIVE?!!
I...
IBA!!

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THIS TIME, I DON'T FLIP MY BLADE!

GENERAL !!
YOURS IS THE ONE LIFE I'LL TAKE!!
I SHALL FACE YOU!!
I WON'T BE STRUCK DOWN IN COMBAT BY THE LIKES OF YOU!!
VERY WELL, THEN!

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HYAA!!

GRAA!!
KILL
KILL

HAAA!!
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....!!
DIEEEEE
!!
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IT IS KNOWN THROUGHOUT THE MONGOL EMPIRE THAT I AM SECOND IN STRENGTH ONLY TO GENGHIS KHAN! YOU THINK I COULD BE BESTED BY A LOWLY PIT FIGHTING SLAVE LIKE YOU?!!
ARGH-HHH!!
HYAAA!!
SHRK
NOW I FINISH YOU!!!

IBA!!
DIEEE!!
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..CAN'T DIE..
I REFUSE TO DIE!!

WHAT !?!

WHUH ...?!
!
IBA!!

W-
WAIT
...!!
!
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GENGHIS KHAN!!
GENGHIS KHAN HIMSELF ARRIVES!!
THOSE ARE THE FLAGS OF THE ROYAL ARMY... !!
A MASSIVE LEGION FLYING WHITE FLAGS?!

GRR...
BY KILLING GENERAL YANG YOU'VE TURNED THE ENTIRE MONGOL ARMY AGAINST YOU!!
Y-YOU WON'T GET AWAY NOW!
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THE MAN THEY SAY CARRIES A STRANGE SWORD AND WIPED OUT THE BARBARIAN TRIBES OF THE NORTH?
SO IT'S YOU, IS IT...?
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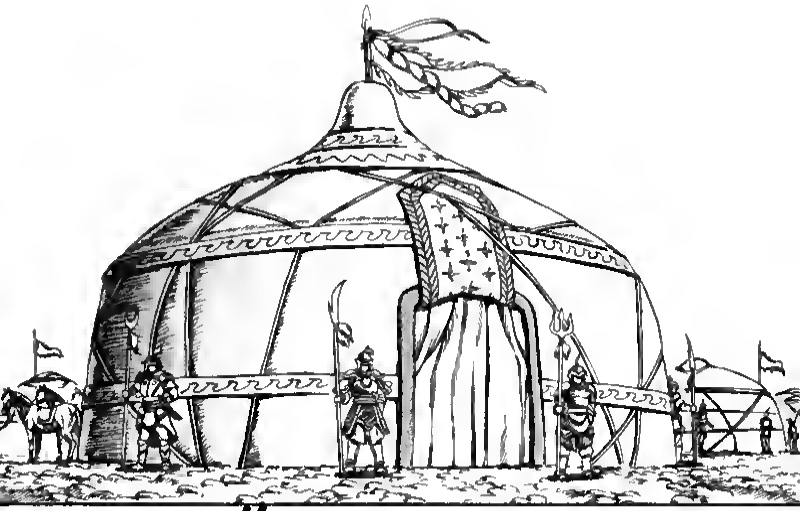
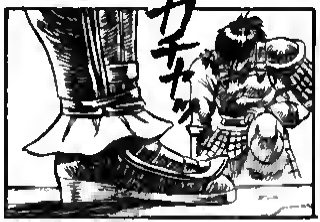
WITH GENGHIS KHAN ...?!
BY ORDER OF THE KING, HE WOULD HAVE YOU MEET WITH HIM.
COME WITH ME!!

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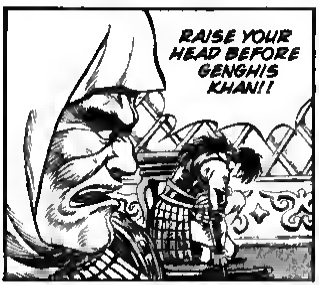
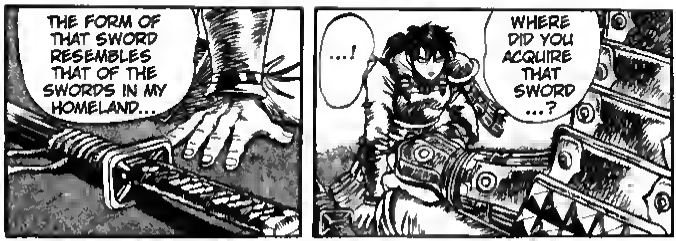

RAISE YOUR HEAD BEFORE GENGHIS KHAN!!

GENGHIS KHAN!!
THIS IS THE MAN... WHO BUILT THE ENTIRE MONGOL EMPIRE IN A SINGLE LIFETIME!!


THE FORM OF THAT SWORD RESEMBLES THAT OF THE SWORDS IN MY HOMELAND...
...!
WHERE DID YOU ACQUIRE THAT SWORD ...?

*Yoshitsune (1159–1189) was one of Japan's most famous and lauded Samurai. His achievements in battle against the Taira Clan during the Genpei Wars are recognized as having changed the course of Japanese history

*Benkei (1155-1189) was a fighting monk and one of the most popular figures of Japanese folklore. According to legend he joined Yoshitsune's side after being bested by him in a duel.

"BACK IN OUR HOMELAND, MY LORD WAS DEFEATED IN THE BATTLE OF KOROMOGAWA IN OSHU PROVINCE, RESULTING IN OUR CHOOSING TO DIE BY OUR OWN HANDS."

...HOW-EVER...
NEITHER MY LORD NOR I ARE PATHETIC WEAKLINGS WHO WOULD KILL OURSELVES!
THE ONES WHO DIED THERE WERE OUR DOU-BLES!
WE ESCAPED THROUGH THE SEAS OF FLAME AND THEN CAME TO THIS LAND.

GENGHIS KHAN'S BIRTH YEAR IS IN DISPUTE BUT HIS ACTIVITIES BECAME NOTEWORTHY STARTING RIGHT AROUND 1190...
...
...
"THE DATES MATCH UP-- THAT MUCH IS CERTAIN."
"THE BATTLE OF KOROMOGAWA WAS IN '89..."
THE LEGENDS OF YOSHITSUNE PASSED DOWN THROUGH THE AGES IN JAPAN WERE TRUE...
I ASK YOU ONCE MORE.
WHERE DID YOU COME FROM?!

MY HOMELAND IS THE SAME AS YOURS!
IF I TELL HIM ABOUT THE TIME SLIP HE'LL NEVER BELIEVE ME.
...
...
OHH...
I MET WITH AN ACCIDENT AT SEA AND WAS WASHED ASHORE UPON THIS CON-TINENT..

AS WE SUSPECTED, YOU ARE ONE OF OUR OWN COUNTRY-MEN THEN...?
BENKEI! PROVIDE THIS MAN WITH A HORSE, HOUSE, AND TROOPS!!
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FROM THIS DAY, THIS MAN SHALL BE A GENERAL OF THE MONGOL ARMY!!

GENERAL...?!
SIR!!
YOU HAD BEST JOIN MY SIDE!
...
...
SOON YOU WILL HAVE NO MORE NEED OF HOMELANDS OR OTHER SUCH PUNY NATIONS!

I SHALL SHOW YOU ALL THE COUNTRIES ON HEAVEN AND EARTH BOUND TOGETHER UNDER THE WHITE FLAG OF GENJI!!!*
*Genji is the name of e prestigious Samurai family that stemmed from the 56th Emperor, Seiwa-Tanno (850-880) The ascension of Yoshitsuna's brother Yoritomo to the rank of Shogun is considered the beginning of the Genji Era

GENGHIS KHAN IS YOSHITSUNE MINA-MOTO?!
S...
...SO WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO US NOW?
GENGHIS KHAN DIED IN THE YEAR 1227...
I DON'T KNOW...

I CAN'T EVEN BEGIN TO GUESS HOW I'M GOING TO LIVE THAT LONG...
...THAT'S ANOTHER 15 YEARS...
BUT...
...WHATEVER HAPPENS, HISTORY MUSTN'T BE ALLOWED TO CHANGE...
...
...
WE'VE GOT NO CHOICE BUT TO FOLLOW THE COURSE OF EVENTS FOR AWHILE...

BEG YOUR PARDON !!
ドンドン
BENKEI...
SAKE!!

THE LADY OF THE HOUSE CAN JOIN US!
BECOMING GENERAL IS A CAUSE FOR CELEBRATION! I THOUGHT WE SHOULD HAVE A DRINK!
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OH, I'M NOT HIS WIFE...
PER-FECT FOR MAKING BABIES!
OH? BUT YOU'VE SUCH WIDE BREASTS AND HIPS!
...

...SO DOES LORD YOSHITSUNE HAVE ANY DESIRE TO RETURN HOME...?
HMM..
NOT ANYMORE...
ALL THAT IS IN MY LORD'S MIND NOW IS THE MAGNIFICENT DREAM OF ESTABLISHING A NEW LAND— A MIGHTY MONGOL EMPIRE...
HIS ARCHENEMY, LORD YORITOMO, IS DEAD... HIS GREATEST LOVE, THE LADY SHIZUKA-GOZEN, IS NOW ALSO GONE...
...
...

"HE IS REVERED IN HONOR AS THE KING OF WOLVES!"
"ALREADY MY LORD IS NOW THE KING OF KINGS ON THIS CONTINENT."
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...
NEWLY APPOINTED GENERAL BA!
TO THE KING OF WOLVES!
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IMPOSSIBLE...! OUR ARMY... ARE YOU TELLING ME OUR GREAT ARMY HAS BEEN VANQUISHED?!!
WE'LL BE FINISHED ANY MOMENT! THERE IS NO PATH LEFT BUT SUR-RENDER...
Y-YOUR HIGH-NESS!
THE MONGOLS HAVE SMASHED OUR ARMY ENTIRELY TO PIECES AND ALREADY DRIVEN THEM BACK AS FAR AS THE CASTLE GATES!!
THE MONGOL ARMY IS POWERFUL BEYOND ALL IMAGINING!!
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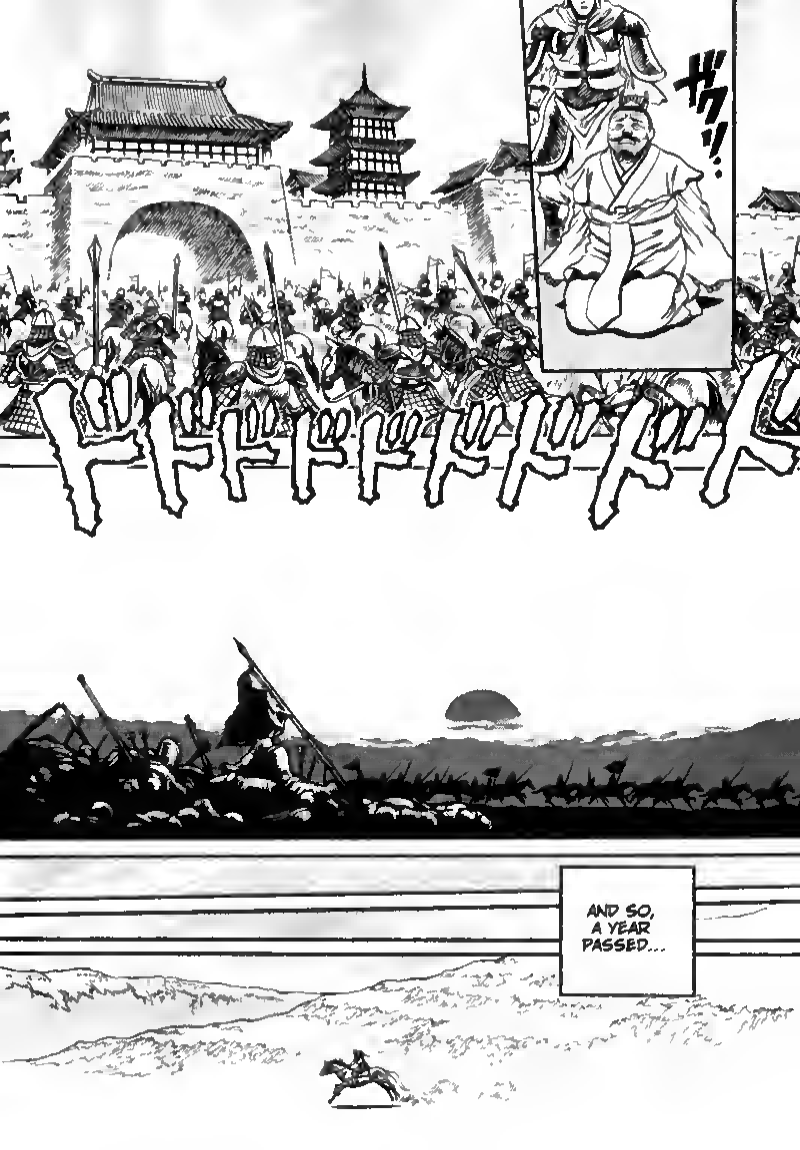
"IN THE MIDDLE IS GENGHIS KHAN, KING OF WOLVES..."
UHH...
"AND ON HIS RIGHT FLANK, HE WITH THE GREAT SWORD, GENERAL IBA!!"
"AT HIS LEFT FLANK IS BENKEI, THE ONE-ARMED GENERAL!!"
THE MONGOL ARMY WILL SOON BE INVINCIBLE!! AN ARMY OF UNPARALLELED SIZE IN EITHER HEAVEN OR EARTH!!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AND SO, A YEAR PASSED...

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IT'S A HEALTHY LITTLE BOY!
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KYOKO...
...OUR BABY?
IS THIS...
...
...
TO SURVIVE IN THIS LAND... AND HAVE SUCH A HEALTHY CHILD... MAYBE IT'S ALL THANKS TO THIS CHARM...
YES.

A NAME WORTHY OF A GREAT MAN!
A NAME FOR SOMEONE INVINCIBLE...
YOU PLEASE GIVE HIM A NAME...
THAT I WILL DO!
VERY WELL DONE, IBA!!
KUAHAHA! CREDIT TO YOU TOO, MADAM!!

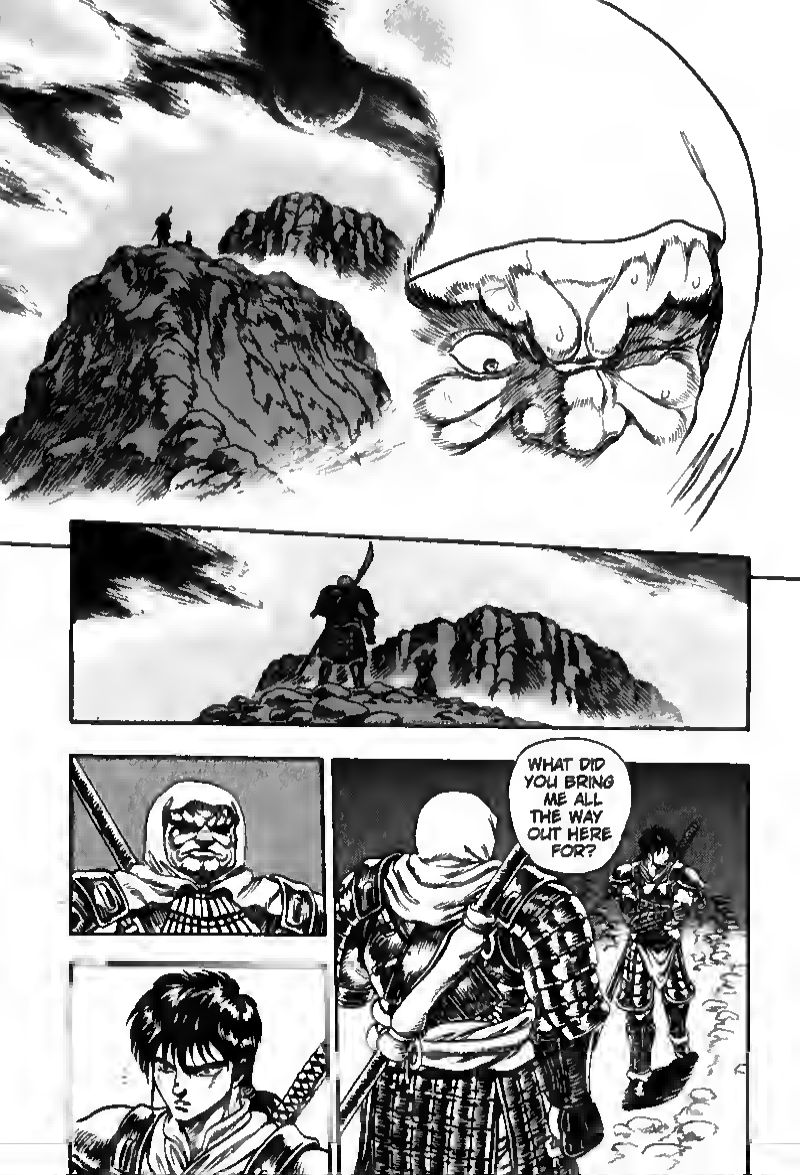
HEY! YOU LOOK LIKE YOU COULD BE MY GRANDSON!
GET BIG QUICK, LITTLE ONE! WE'LL HAVE GRAND TIMES TOGETHER!!
LET ME SEE HIM!
A SPLENDID CHILD!
HOW, NOW!
AH! I ALMOST FORGOT! I MUST INFORM MY LORD OF THIS, TOO...
MY LORD WILL SURELY BE MOST PLEASED WHEN HE HEARS!

A MALE CHILD?
A MAGNIFICENT LITTLE BOY!
YES, SIR!
...I SEE.
THIS IS AUSPICIOUS...

...HUH?
WITH THIS, AT LONG LAST, THERE SHALL BE AN HEIR TO THE EMPIRE...
I HAVE NOT THE SLIGHTEST INTENTION OF HANDING OVER THE EMPIRE I TOOK SUCH PAINS TO BUILD TO SOME OTHER PEOPLES!
THE ONE WHO SUCCEEDS ME TO THE THRONE MUST BE OF OUR SAME JAPANESE BLOOD!
B-BUT, MY LORD ...
...THE CHILD IS NOT YOURS.
THEN FROM TODAY FORTH, I'LL MAKE IT MINE!

YOU WILL KILL IBA!!
THE CHILD DOES NOT NEED TWO FATHERS!!
WHA...?!!
...!!
YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY?!
I DID NOT SPARE IBA BECAUSE I WANTED HIS MILITARY AID!

...FROM THE VERY BEGINNING YOU KNEW YOU WOULD TAKE IBA'S LIFE EVENTUALLY..
TH-THEN...
I WANTED A JAPANESE CHILD BORN OF IBA AND KYOKO!
IF YOU CANNOT DO WHAT I ASK..
...THEN I WILL KILL HIM MYSELF!!
BENKEI!!


WHAT DID YOU BRING ME ALL THE WAY OUT HERE FOR?

I LIKED YOU.
...BEN-KEI?
...?
OF ALL THE GENERALS I'VE KNOWN, NONE WAS AS GREAT A MAN AS YOU.

BUT NOW I MUST KILL YOU!!!
...HUH?!

WHY...?!
DRAW YOUR WEAPON!
IF I MUST SEND YOU TO THE NEXT WORLD, I WILL AT LEAST DO IT IN COMBAT!!
O-OUR BABY! OUR BABY'S BEEN TAKEN BY GENGHIS KHAN'S SERVANTS!
!
MY LOVE!!

WHAT?!
...!!
FROM THIS DAY FORTH, THE CHILD IS THE KING'S!
I AM ENTREATED TO WIPE YOU AND THE LADY FROM THIS WORLD FOREVER!!
YOU MUST NOT PASS!!

YOU WISH TO TAKE MY CHILD... AND MORE, TAKE THE LIVES OF KYOKO AND ME...?
NO WAY!!

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HAA!!
GRR...!!

-URG-
...
AS I THOUGHT, OUR POWER IS WELL-MATCHED
BUT I'VE BEEN ON THE BATTLEFIELD A LONG TIME... I'VE GOT THE EDGE IN EXPERIENCE!

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-URK-
...
ON THE BATTLEFIELD YOU DO NOT USE ONLY YOUR ARMS!
FEET, LEGS, HEAD... YOU USE ANYTHING THAT MOVES!
THIS IS FAREWELL IBA...

IBA! DO NOT HATE MY MASTER. IF YOU MUST HATE, HATE ME, BENKEI, INSTEAD!!
I AM MUSASHIBOU, RETAINER TO LORD YOSHITSUNE! IF MY MASTER ORDERS IT, I THROW AWAY MY OWN LIFE AND THE LIVES OF MY FRIENDS!
IBA... !!

GRA!!
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IN THE PAST YEAR, I TOO HAVE MASTERED THE ART OF COMBAT ON THE BATTLE-FIELD!
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WH-WHY?
...Y-YOU... REVERSED YOUR BLADE...
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YOU ARE THE ONLY FRIEND I HAVE IN THIS LAND...
I WILL NOT KILL YOU...
...IBA...

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GENGHIS KHAN..
AS I SUSPECTED, I SHALL HAVE TO FACE YOU MYSELF AFTER ALL...
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...GENGHIS KHAN LIVED UNTIL 1227...
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...BUT THAT MEANS...
...IBA HAS TO LOSE?!

COME FACE ME, IBA..

I HAVE TO GET MY CHILD BACK WITHOUT KILLING KHAN!!
I MUSTN'T CHANGE HISTORY!

DO YOU THINK YOU CAN BEAT THE KING OF WOLVES WITH YOUR LITTLE TRICKS AND BLADE FLIPPING...?
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L-LORD KHAAAN!!
URGENT NEWS!! A MASSIVE JIN ARMY* IS APPROACHING OUR BORDERS!!
*The Jin Dynasty (1115-1234) was founded in Northern Manchuria and eventually controlled all of Northern China
WHAT?!!
JIN...?!
JIN... THE GREAT ARCH-ENEMY NATION OF THE MONGOLS...

...!!
GRAA!!
UNTIL THEN, I'M TAKING THE CHILD!!
IBA!! OUR CONTEST WILL HAVE TO WAIT!!
GIVE UP, IBA!!
!
BENKEI!! WE'RE LEAVING!!
W-WAIT!!

A HORSE!! SOMEONE BRING ME A HORSE!!
YOU MAY HAVE BESTED ME, BUT YOU CANNOT TOPPLE THE KING!
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MY LOVE ...
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WHAT'S WRONG ...?
THAT CLOUD...

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THAT'S... THAT'S THE THING THAT BROUGHT US HERE...
WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO GET BACK.
KYOKO!! GO UP TO THE TOP OF THE COMMUNICATION TOWER UNDER THE CLOUD AND WAIT!!
THAT CLOUD COULD CARRY US BACK TO OUR OWN ERA...

AND DON'T WORRY ...
I'LL BRING OUR CHILD BACK NO MATTER WHAT YOU'LL SEE!
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WAIT !!
IBA!!
-GRR-!!

I'M NOT RUNNING AWAY FROM YOU!!
WHY DIDN'T YOU WAIT?!
I DIDN'T WAIT...
...BECAUSE YOU HAVE SOMETHING THAT BELONGS TO ME!!
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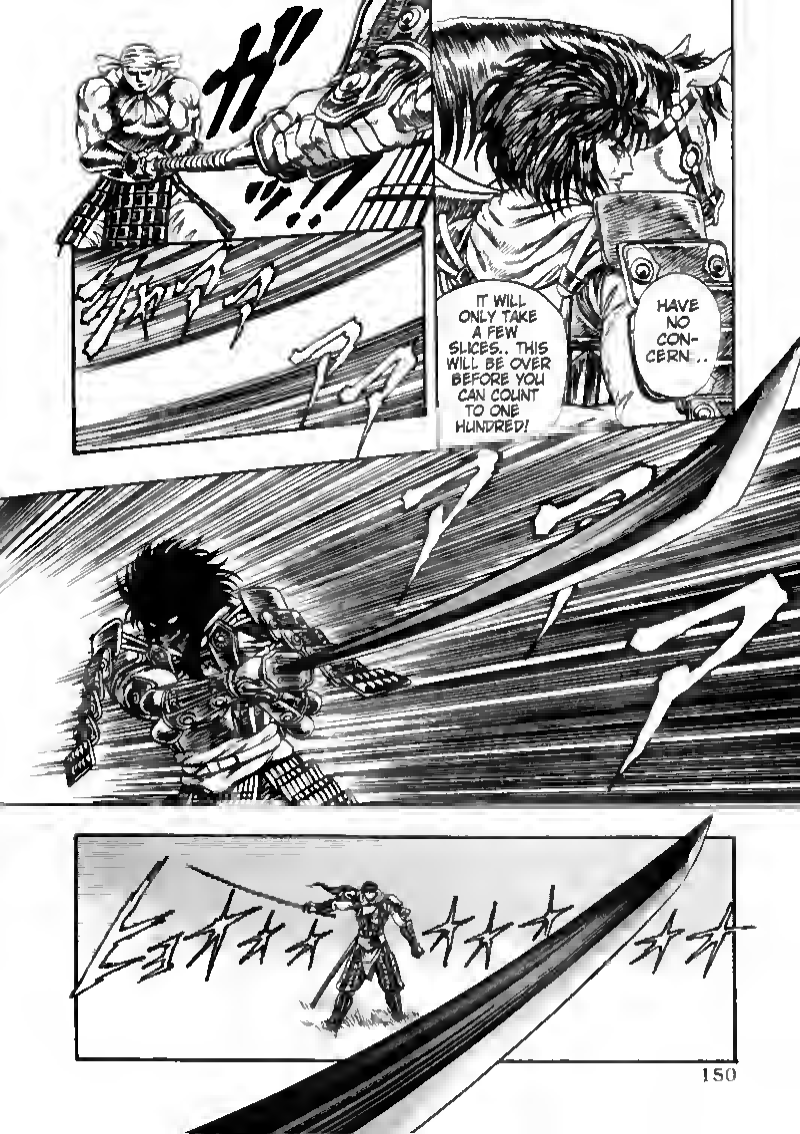
VERY WELL THEN...
MY... MY LORD...


HAVE NO CON-CERN..
IT WILL ONLY TAKE A FEW SLICES.. THIS WILL BE OVER BEFORE YOU CAN COUNT TO ONE HUNDRED!

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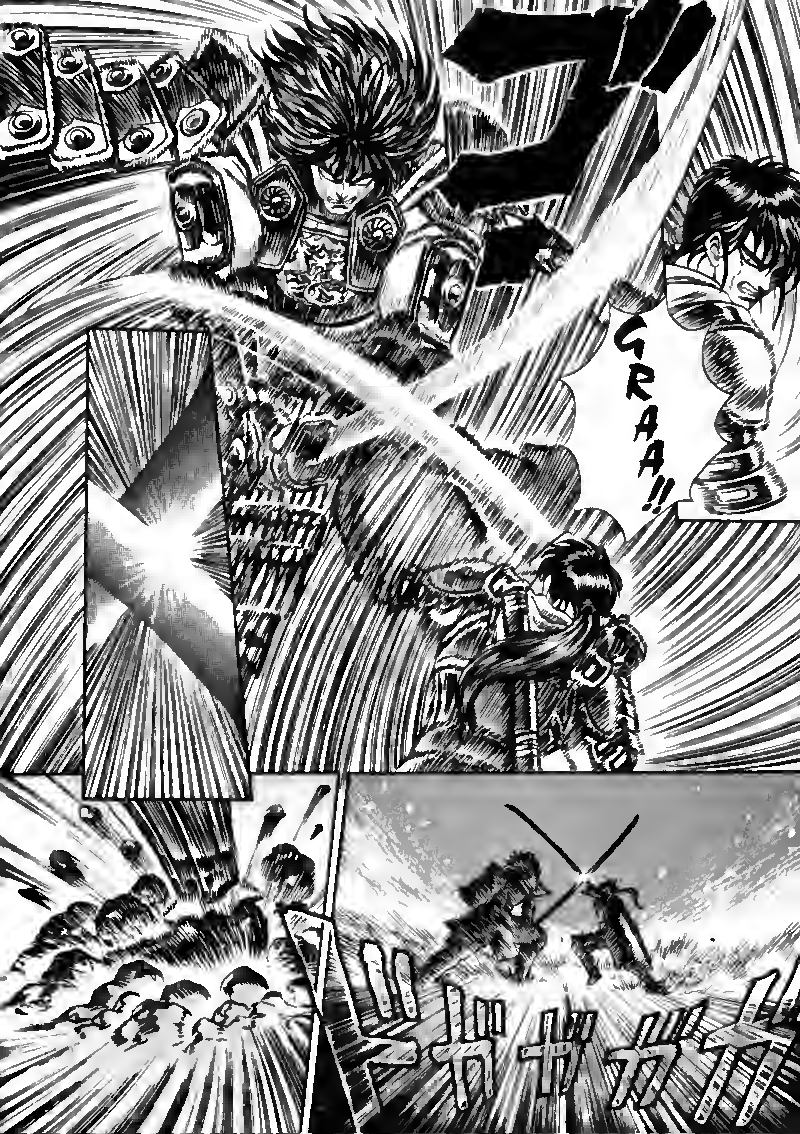
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GRAAH ...!!
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WELL DONE! NO WONDER YOU GAVE BENKEI SO MUCH TROUBLE!
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... ...

THIS SWORD WHICH HAS CUT TENS OF THOUSANDS TO PIECES ON THE BATTLE-FIELD?!!
BUT DO YOU THINK YOU WILL BE ABLE TO FEND OFF THIS SWORD?!
YARRAA!!!

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PATHETIC!
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...!!
...WHAT'S WRONG?

RISE!! NOW I SHALL DELIVER YOU FROM YOUR MISERY!!
TH-THIS IS ENDED BY THE SWORD OF GENGHIS KHAN...
-URG-...
IBA WOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DEFEAT MY LORD...
KING OF WOLVES.

I... I CAN'T UNDER-STAND IT...
YOU SHOULDN'T WATCH THIS....
ALL THAT STRENGTH
POWER SO VAST THEY CALL YOU THE KING OF WOLVES, SO WHY DON'T YOU HAVE YOUR OWN CHILDREN?!
THERE CAN BE ONLY ONE WIFE AND CHILD IN MY LIFE!!
WHY DO YOU STEAL MINE?!

WHAT?!!
BUT THAT WIFE AND CHILD ARE ALREADY DEAD!!
TO THIS DAY MY LORD CANNOT EVEN BEGIN TO FEEL LOVE FOR ANY WOMAN EXCEPT THE LADY SHIZUKA-GOZEN!!
THE ONLY WOMAN EVER BELOVED BY MY MASTER WAS THE LADY SHIZUKA-GOZEN!
SHE AND THEIR CHILD WERE BOTH KILLED!
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IF THAT'S TRUE...
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HUH... ?!
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...THEN YOU KNOW HOW IT MUST FEEL TO HAVE MY CHILD TAKEN FROM ME!!

I WON'T LET HIM GO!!
WHEN FACED AGAINST A BATTLEFIELD SWORD DESIGNED TO SLICE ENEMIES TO PIECES POWER AGAINST POWER I'LL LOSE EVERY TIME!
WHAT IS THAT STANCE SUPPOSED TO MEAN...?
HMM...

BUT I USE A KENDO SWORD!
KENDO?
PAH! YOU'RE JUST GOING TO STAND THERE. .? ARE YOU PLANNING TO DO A LITTLE DANCE OR SOMETHING?!

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WH...
...WHAT
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...!!
MY LORD!!
THE BATTLEFIELD SWORD IS FOR ONE AGAINST MANY. THE KENDO SWORD IS FOR ONE AGAINST ONE...
EVEN IF YOU DON'T DEFEAT YOUR OPPONENT IN ONE BLOW, THERE'S ALWAYS ANOTHER WAY TO CUT THROUGH HIM WHEN IT'S ONE ON ONE!!
CHR!! YOU AND YOUR FREAKISH SWORD!!

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THEN WHAT WILL YOU DO ABOUT THIS?! IF I STRIKE YOU FROM THE SIDE, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO REACH MY CHEST FOR AN ATTACK!!
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WHAT NOW? THERE'S NOWHERE LEFT FOR YOU TO GO!
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THIS IS THE END...
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WELL,
IBA!
EXPOSING YOUR TORSO TO A SWORD ATTACK FROM THE SIDE IS MADNESS!
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HAVE NO FEAR!
YOUR CHILD SHALL HENCEFORTH BE RAISED AS THE CHILD OF THE MONGOL EMPEROR!!

WHAT?!!

MY LORD!! ABOVE YOUUUU!!
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MY LORRRRD!!
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YOU HAD THE PERFECT CHANCE TO SPLIT MY HEAD WIDE OPEN!!
WHY...
...WHY DIDN'T YOU SLICE MY HEAD WIDE APART...?
SO WHY DID YOU CUT MY SHOULDER ?!
IF I EXPLAINED, YOU WOULDN'T UNDER-STAND...
BUT RIGHT NOW, IT'S THE YEAR 1213. YOU'VE GOT 14 MORE YEARS...
YOU HAVE TO SURVIVE UNTIL 1227...

I'LL BE TAKING THE CHILD...
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WAIT, IBA!!

I'M NOT LETTING YOU GO ANYWHERE!
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M...
...MY LORRRD!!
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THE KING OF THE MONGOL EMPIRE MUST BE NOTHING SHORT OF INVINCIBLE!
HE CANNOT BE BEATEN AND GO ON LIVING IN SHAME!

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IMPOSSIBLE...
BUT
HISTORY..
MY...
MY
LORD...
SO
NOW WHAT
HAPPENS TO
HISTORY?!!
GENGHIS
KHAN
MUSTN'T
DIE
NOW!!
LISTEN
TO ME,
YOSHIT-
SUNE!!
GENGHIS
KHAN
ISN'T
GOING TO
DIE...

BECAUSE FROM THIS DAY FORTH, YOU SHALL BECOME GENGHIS KHAN, KING OF WOLVES!!
WH... WHAT?!!
I MUST THANK YOU, IBA..

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...!!
YOU FINALLY KILLED YOSHITSUNE! WELL DONE!
GRR...
BENKEI... AT LONG LAST... I AM ABLE TO REST IN PEACE...

MY LORD...
W... WITH THIS... I MAY FINALLY JOIN SHIZUKA... AND OUR CHILD...
IBA.. UNTIL THIS DAY ALL MY LORD DESIRED WAS DEATH... EVER SINCE THE DAY HE LOST THE GREATEST LOVES OF HIS LIFE... HIS WIFE AND CHILD...
... ...

AND ALL THE WHILE HE WAITED FOR A FORMIDABLE OPPONENT!! AN OPPONENT WHO WOULD SEND HIM TO HEAVEN WHERE HIS WIFE AND CHILD AWAITED!!
THUS, HE BUILT THE MONGOL EMPIRE AS A MEANS TO LEAVE BEHIND A LEGACY!!
AND YET, MY LORD WAS THE GREATEST OF GENJI COMMANDERS... HIS SELF-RESPECT WOULD NOT ALLOW A MEANINGLESS DEATH!!
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...WAIT, IBA!!
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HURRY!!
MY LOVE!!
KYOKOOOO!!
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I WON'T LET YOU!!
YOU MUSN'T LEAVE!!

LORD BENKEI!!!
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GRR-R...
Y...YOU MUST TAKE THE FIELD AT ONCE!! THE JIN LEGION HAS ALREADY BREACHED OUR BORDERS AND ENTERED OUR TERRITORY!!!
WHAT?!!
IF THE MONGOLS ARE BEATEN BY JIN, THE CHANGES TO HISTORY WILL BE MONUMENTAL!!

IF THE KING OF THE WOLVES HIMSELF TAKES THE FIELD, THEN THE JIN ARMY CAN STILL BE SMASHED TO PIECES!!
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YOU MUST BE GENGHIS KHAN, IBA!!
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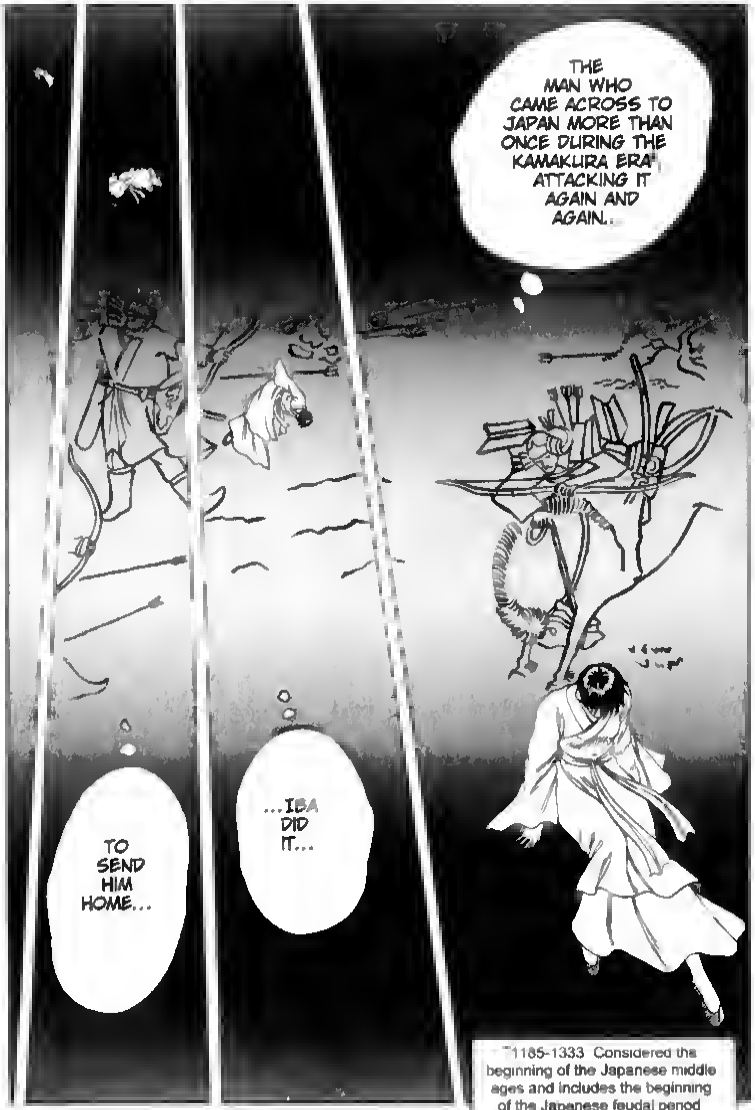
MY LOVE!!

...BUT... I...
I CAN STILL MAKE IT...

MY LOVE !!!
KYO-KOOO!!

KYO-KOOO!!
I CAN'T CHANGE HISTORY!! I HAVE TO STAY HERE!!
BUT SOMEDAY I WILL RETURN THIS CHILD TO JAPAN!! I SWEAR IT!!

*Kublai Khan (1215-1294). Grandson of Genghis led two invasions to Japan in 1274 and 1281 when Japan refused to pay tribute to Kublai a new Yuan Dynasty (1279-1368). In both cases the Mogol fleets were obliterated by typhoons shortly after fighting began. Shinto priests dubbed the Typhoons *Kamikaze* meaning "Divine Wind."


THE MAN WHO CAME ACROSS TO JAPAN MORE THAN ONCE DURING THE KAMAKURA ERA* ATTACKING IT AGAIN AND AGAIN...
...IBA DID IT...
TO SEND HIM HOME...

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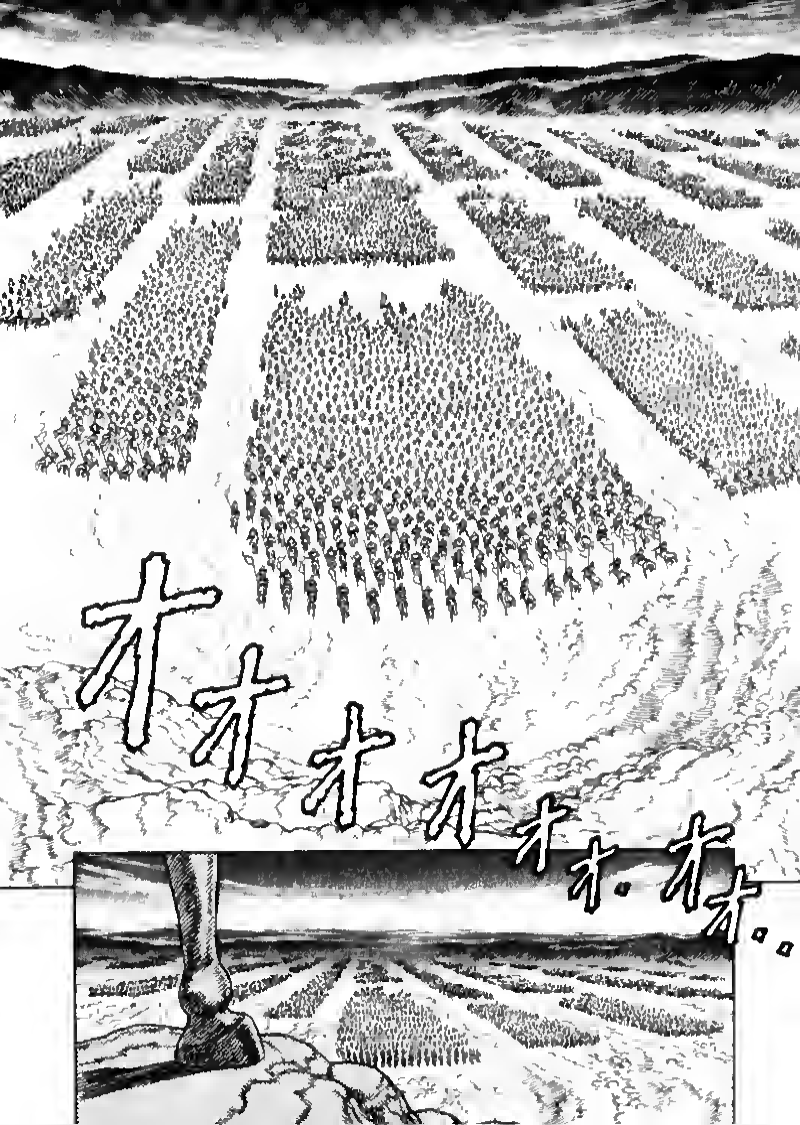
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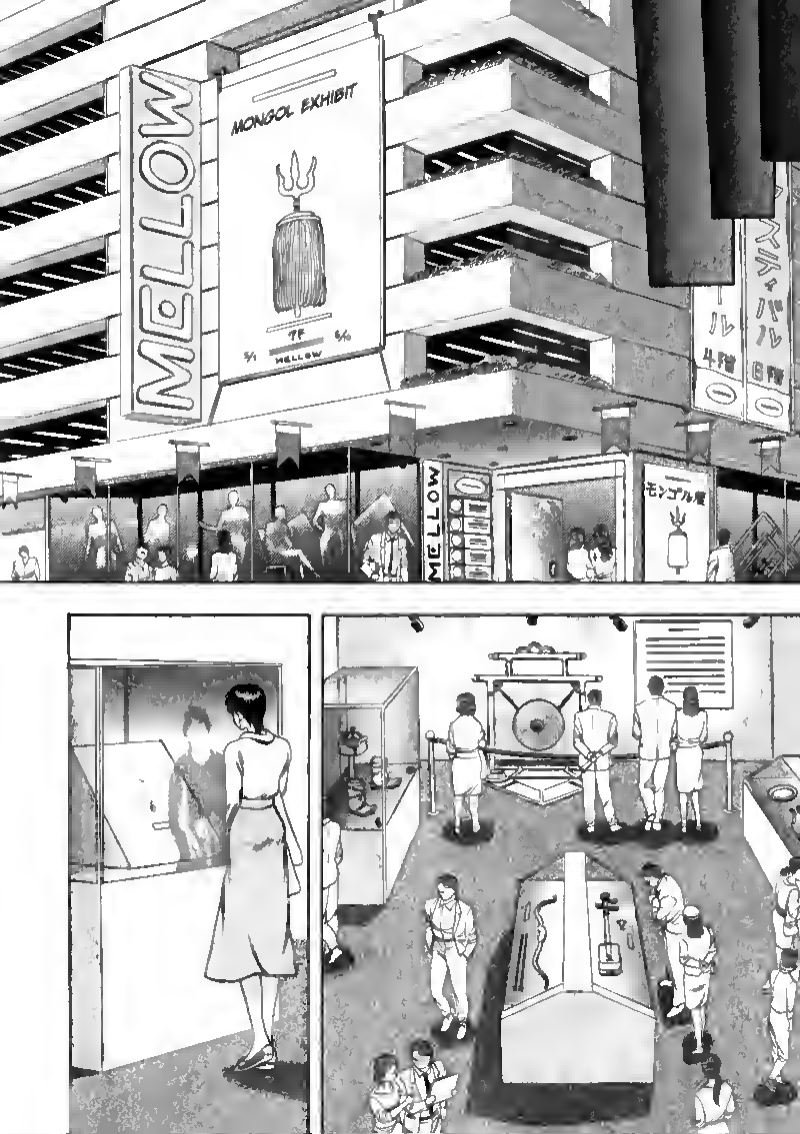
FROM THIS DAY FORTH, I AM GENGHIS KHAN, KING OF WOLVES!!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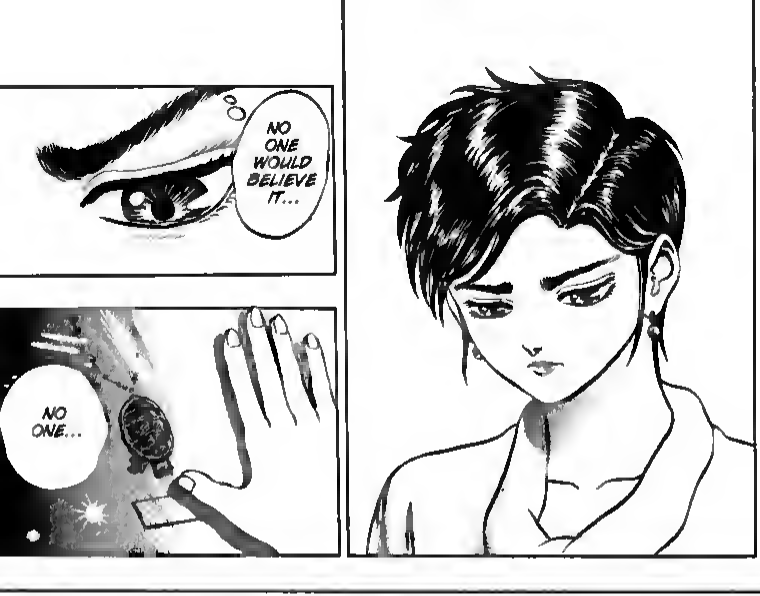

NECKLACE OF EMPEROR KUBLAI

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